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[Despatch Abstract.]

Malaria - Use of "Aromex" in Anti-malarial operations proposal of the Director of Public Health - Approved.

Copy of letter No.22876-2 Mal, dated 9th June 1948, from Rao Bahadur Dr. R.M.Mathew, D.P.H., D.T.M.& H., M.R.C.P., Director of Public Health, Madras, to the Secretary to Government, Education and Public Health Department, Madras.

Sub: Malaria - Antimalarial measures - Use of "Aromex".

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During 1947-48, M.K.E. (Medium Kerosene Extract) was being used as the solvent for DDT, as it was the best solvent available then and Government were also pleased to sanction the purchase of the same in G.O.No.1854 dated 24-6-46. Now M/s. Burmah Shell & Co. who were sole distributors of the oil state that they have withdrawn it from the market from 30-4-48 and in its place have introduced "Aromax". It is reported to be an excellent solvent for DDT and is supplied by them at about Rs.1-8-3 a gallon F.O.R.Madras plus sales tax. It has been tested in the Central Malaria Laboratory and is found to be a better solvent of DDT than M.K.E. its solubility for DDT being about 35% whereas with M.K.E. it was 25%. I therefore propose to purchase "Aromex" for the antimalarial measures in the various units in the place of M.K.E. as M.K.E. is not available any more. The Malaria Institute of India, Delhi, has also approved of this product. I request that my proposal may be approved. In the meantime, I am instructing the officers in charge of Malaria units to use "Aromex" in place of M.K.E. when the present supply of the latter is exhausted.

GOVERNMENT OF MADRAS.

Abstract.

MALARIA - Use of "Aromex" in Anti Malarial Operations - Proposal of the Director of Public Health - Approved.

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EDUCATION AND PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

G.O.Ms.No.2355.P.H. Dated 9th July 1948.

Read: From the Director of Public Health, No.22876-3 Mal. dated 9th June 1948.

ORDER:

In the circumstances stated by the Director of Public Health the Government approve his proposal that in the place of M.K.E.(Medium Kerosene Extract) "Aromex" supplied by Messrs. Burma Shell & Company may be used as the solvent for D.D.T. in anti-malarial operations carried on in the Province. The Director of Public Health is however requested to see that M.K.E. is again used as soon as it is available in the market.

The action of the Director of Public Health in having instructed the officers in charge of malaria units to use Aromex in place of M.K.E. when the present stock of the latter is exhausted is also approved.

Sd/- x x
Secretary to Government.

To the Director of Public Health.
To the Development (Planning & Development).
To the Finance Department.

(True copy)

Superintendent,
MADRAS RECORD OFFICE.

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